

# KATIE BECKETT PROGRAM

## What is the Katie Beckett Program?

The Katie Beckett Program helps kids in Tennessee with disabilities and complex medical needs under the age of 18.

The Katie Beckett Program provides care for a child's disability or medical needs, even if their parents make too much money to get Medicaid. Children can get this care in their homes.

### Katie Beckett Part A

Part A helps children in Tennessee with the most significant disabilities or complex medical needs.

A child must meet "institutional" level of care. That means they would qualify to receive care in a medical institution like a hospital or a nursing home but want care at home.

Children in Part A receive full Medicaid Benefits and also can get up to \$15,000 in nonmedical services called home and community-based services.

A child must have private insurance, and a premium may be required based on the family's income.

### Katie Beckett Part B

Part B is for children in Tennessee who have disabilities and complex medical needs who do not qualify for care in a medical institution. They meet "at risk" level of care. Children who qualify for Part A can also receive Part B if there is no slot available in A.

Children in Part B do not receive Medicaid. Families get up to \$10,000 a year in services to care for their child.

Families can spend the money in Part B in any or all of 5 different ways: a card to pay for medical expenses, paying for a child's private insurance premium, getting paid back for certain services including non-traditional therapies, hiring your own staff to provide respite and supportive home care or having a community provider for services.

## How to Apply:

You can apply for Katie Beckett on the TennCare Connect website. You will need to create an account. At the same time, you are also applying for Medicaid, even if you know you won't qualify.

Apply here: <https://tenncareconnect.tn.gov/services/homepage>

Have Questions?

The Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities can help you with your application if you do not have a computer or smartphone. You can get help from one of the regional offices at the phone numbers below.

- **West** Tennessee Regional Office: (866) 372-5709
- **Middle** Tennessee Regional Office: (800) 654-4839
- **East** Tennessee Regional Office: (888) 531-9876

If you are having difficulty with the application or questions about your application you can also receive assistance at [DIDD.KBAssist@tn.gov](mailto:DIDD.KBAssist@tn.gov).

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